





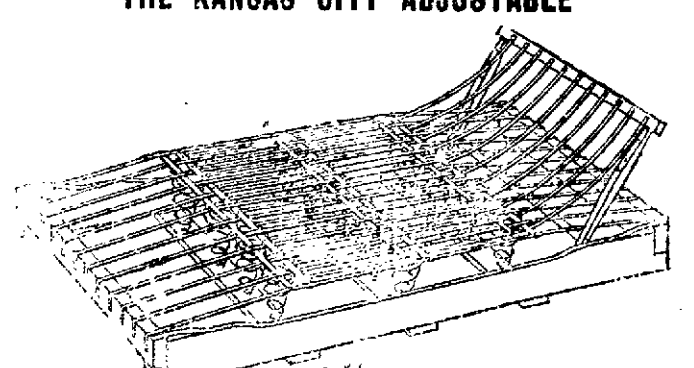




**THE DAILY REPUBLICAN.**  
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.  
Friday Evening, April 13.  
CITY DEPARTMENT.  
If you want a watch, clock, or any of any description, don't fail to examine H. B. Post's goods before purchasing. The most beautiful patterns of pocket watches ever opened in this part of the State are now on exhibition at 117 N. 2d St. at Abel & Locke's, and their prices are lower than any other house in Decatur. J. W. Armstrong, for printer, 117 N. 2d St. Wm. B. Hutton.  
A lady has sold you out with a money-lender right at a very low price. Their stable is just south of the St. Nicholas Hotel.  
Ladies should not fail to see those beautiful rags and documents at Abel & Locke's.  
A large lot of Table Linen, Napkins and Towels, offered at great inducements, at S. Einstein's. [April 13].  
"Memories" at the opera house to-night.  
The business of garden-making is well under way, and onion sets, red hot, are being received.  
J. W. Post is in St. Louis on the night of the great fire, and was an eyewitness of the distressing scenes connected with that occasion.  
This cool weather is thought to be favorable to wheat. It will check its upward growth and give it a firm root.  
The body horses of the last few days are doing well rapidly, and roads will soon be in good condition.  
Niedermyer keeps a full line of choice butter and fresh eggs.  
The best sugar-cured ham and bacon at Newell & Hammer's.  
H. B. Post's new stock is always a treat for the train and take-and-leave passengers in any part of the city.  
B. F. Taylor's hack connects with all trains and drives to all parts of city.  
A full line of Wall-Paper, at Bishop & Stoy's.  
The country singing schools are closing up their affairs, and the young men who haven't settled the question with her will have to hold over until another winter.  
An exchange wants to know if blue umbrellas are healthy. Probably they are as healthy as any variety, but we don't believe any of them are very well, they are so awfully emaciated. We don't remember of ever seeing a fat umbrella.  
An exchange says that Robert Bonner, of New York, has about thirty fine horses that are valued at nearly two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and we will add that there are about ninety thousand bolls in the United States who support Bonner's fine horses by reading the New York Ledger.  
For several days past Mr. Frank Caldwell has been lying very sick at the residence of his brother, and his condition has been such as to excite grave fears on the part of his friends of a fatal termination of his sickness. We are glad to learn that his symptoms were more favorable this morning.  
Mr. J. P. Smallwood, the clothing dealer on Prairie street, is lying in his building to connect with that had last year from Merchants' rest west to the drain near Church street. By this means Mr. S. will secure good drainage for the cellar under his store.  
If anybody doubts the effects of paint in the improvement of buildings, let him take a square look at Powers' block on the South side of East Main street. We hope the owners of buildings generally will appreciate the situation and go and do likewise.  
Landscaping and farming utensils are in order, and all in want of them will find a very large and select stock at R. C. Crocker's, where also may be had everything in the line of hardware, carpenter's tools, pocket and table cutlery, law and house-keeping goods, etc. Of cooking stoves Mr. C. is one of the most desirable patterns in the market, and what is very important, that he sells all his goods at the lowest figures. Call and see him.  
The opinion seems to prevail that there will be several miles of street grading in the city the coming season. It is well that the good work go on. The more of that kind of work the city does the better it will be for all concerned in Decatur, out of the mud and slush and shoulders above any other town in the state of equal population.  
Pratt's street is to be treated to a new sidewalk, on the South side, extending from Water street to the Universalist church. A new walk is badly needed in that locality, and it will be highly appreciated by those doing business in that vicinity as well as by pedestrians generally.  
There are now about twenty inmates at the county jail, most of whom are awaiting the assembling of the grand jury at the May term of court. A few are serving out jail sentences.  
We are glad on account of some things, and sorry on account of others. Among the things for which we are glad is the spirit of enterprise that seems to have taken hold of our people this spring in regard to the improvement of their buildings and grounds. Among the things for which we are sorry is the folly of a well-dressed young man who got badly bulldozed on "old rye" this morning, and tumbled down into the dirt besmearing his good clothes and giving himself a ridiculous appearance generally.  
April 10th, 1877.  
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**REPLY TO TRUE SPIRITUALIST.**  
Editors REPUBLICAN:—An individual signing himself "True Spiritualist," occupies the columns of the REPUBLICAN on Thursday, with an effusion, in which he takes occasion to call Prof. Baldwin a humbug, impostor, etc. and further asks if he pretends to be able to produce certain so-called spiritual manifestations, such as are declared to be genuine by Robert Dale Owen, and Prof. Crookes of London.  
In reply I simply have to say that I know it to be a fact, that such men as Owen and Crookes, are easily deceived, and your common street laborer, and that he will, on Monday night, at the opera house, duplicate exactly the test produced by the experts to be genuine.  
1. He will thoroughly expose Dr. Shale, Foster, Anna Stewart, of Terra Haute; Mrs. Holmes, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Sawyer, and fully fifty others.  
2. He will materialize recognizable faces, human bodies, hands, etc. His spirits never fail.  
3. His challenge—as you may perceive by turning to another column—especially invites officers and mediums to bring their own handcuffs, manacles, etc., with which to fasten him, on Monday night; you may bring the patent government cuffs, if you desire.  
As to his ability to fulfill his promise, I would respectfully refer you to press reports, on bills, etc.; and if any one cares to look over 12,000 letters from eminent clergymen, scientists, teachers, etc., he will like pressure in receiving such of his kind. J. M. Hyde, Agent for Prof. Baldwin.  
**Good Templars' Sociable.**—The gathering at the Good Templars' lodge room last night was an exceedingly enjoyable affair. The spacious hall and all joining anterooms were full of cheerful, happy people. In the course of the evening there were select readings, singing, and other interesting exercises. Mrs. Cain was present and contributed much to the enjoyment of the hour by her excellent readings. All present seemed to be in the happiest mood, and as a social entertainment the affair was a grand success. Everybody in attendance was so highly pleased that they will be likely to improve the next opportunity to attend a similar gathering.  
John Dillon, that prince of American comedians, with the Wallace Combination, is to entertain our people this evening in the role of "General Badington," in that celebrated comic comedy, "Lemonade," which has had such an immense run, both in New York and Chicago. The following paragraph is from the New York Sun, and certainly language more highly flattering could not be used. With reference to the play, as rendered by this company, the Sun says: "The entertainment may be summed up in this: There isn't a dull sentence in it; the interest is unflagging and sustained. All the parts are well assigned, and so on. We never advise people to go to a theater unless we believe they will thank us for the advice. This is good, say, it is beautiful. It will make your eyes twinkle and your lips part with laughter. That's what we want now-adays."  
**Church Sociable.**—The sociable given last evening in the lecture room of Stapp's Chapel, by the ladies of that society, was a most enjoyable affair. The attendance was good and all present were in the best of spirits. Of course the social part of the entertainment was all that could be desired, and when we come to the refreshment part, O, my!—where shall we begin and where end? We will simply say that it was immense as to quantity, and in point of quality it could not be surpassed. The HORTON-CASAS office was remembered with a generous supply of ice cream and cake, the latter embracing several varieties. Of both we must say we never tasted better. Long live the ladies of Stapp's Chapel, and all to them belonging.  
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**THE SPRING BIRD.**  
Dear little blue-bird,  
Herald of spring;  
Swallow this cough drop—  
Poor little thing!  
Wing so hoarsely  
Of April's approach;  
Hunting around for a  
Bronchial troche.  
Poor little blue-bird,  
Don't you go off;  
Tea up your little neck,  
Doctor that cough;  
Soon April violets,  
Kissed by the breeze,  
Will deliver and wince as they  
List to your sneeze.  
Don't be discouraged yet,  
Herald of spring;  
Shake all the icicles  
Off from your wing.  
Who knows what wonders  
Cough, cure may do;  
Sing little blue-bird—  
"At-cheer! At-cheer!"  
—Burlington Hawkeye.  
**Change.**—Messrs. Laux & Bro. have bought out the undertaker's establishment of M. Y. Givier, and will remove the stock to their building adjoining the livery stable. They will employ a competent and experienced man to take charge of this department of their business, and will be prepared to attend funerals in town or country. Their livery stable will be supplied with the choicest stock, and they will be prepared to furnish all kinds of turnouts at short notice.  
**Odd Fellows Excursion.**—The Odd Fellows are to have an excursion to Champaign, on Thursday the 20th inst. Though the affair is under the auspices of the fraternity, in the matter of the excursion all "signs and tokens" are to be ignored, and everybody is invited to take a ride. The fare for the round trip, from Decatur to Champaign and return, is only \$1.50.  
**Dancing.**—The spring term of Fashionable Parlor Dancing, by Prof. Fero, will commence at his rooms (over Breuneman's) Friday evening, April 20, 1877. Juvenile class every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock. Private lessons at any time to suit the convenience of pupils. Several new dances for the spring term. apr13 d3\*  
**Jewelry!** Jewelry!—H. Post has just returned from St. Louis, where he purchased a large lot of jewelry at bankrupt sale, which he will sell at prices lower than were ever known before.  
**MARRIED.**  
At the residence of the bride's father, in Friends Creek township, on Thursday, April 12th, by Rev. W. L. Banks, Mr. JOHN L. DRAKE and Miss ORRA B. DICKER.  
**PERSONAL MENTION.**  
We are happy to learn that Mr. Orville B. Gorin, who was reported very sick at St. Louis yesterday, is much better, and is expected home to-night.  
C. B. Bostwick, of the Mattoon Gazette, is in town.  
A. W. Oliver, Esq., formerly of this city, was a candidate for Mayor at the recent municipal election in Wichita, Kansas, and came within 33 votes of an election.  
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**DRY GOODS!**  
**CARPETS!**  
Oil Cloths, Window Shades, Lace Curtains, Satin, Damask, etc., etc.  
**LINN & SCRUGGS**  
Are receiving and have on Sale all the Novelties in British and French  
**DRESS GOODS!**  
Embracing every Shade and Grade, and at lower rates than have been offered since the War. Also a New and Elegant Stock of  
**CARPETS,**  
As low in price as they can be had anywhere in the United States.  
Decatur, March 15, 1877—L&S  
**GOLD! GOLD!**  
Taken in exchange for  
**BOOTS AND SHOES**  
—AT—  
**L. L. FERRISS'S STORE,**  
or its equivalent in paper or silver, at One Dollar per pair on **BOOTS,** and Fifty cts. per pair on **SHOES**—less than any other store in Decatur is selling them. **ONE PRICE.**  
Large invoices **BURT'S SHOES** just received.  
**L. L. FERRISS.**  
April 10, 1877—L&S  
**J. H. LEWIS & CO.**  
HAS REMOVED  
Their Stock of  
**QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE,**  
**TOYS AND NOTIONS,**  
—TO—  
**OPERA HOUSE BLOCK,**  
Opposite the Fountain, next door to the furniture store.  
Decatur, March 12, 1877—JL  
**WHITE SOAP**  
For the Laundry or Toilet is EQUAL to White Castile Soap, for it is made of PURE VEGETABLE OILS, and by the same process, which retains all the natural healing qualities of the oil. It costs 50 CENTS PER BOX, within the imported article that it is rapidly coming into general use. The use of WHITE SOAP is commended by Physicians as a safe and effective remedy for all diseases. The PURITY of the White Soap renders its use perfectly harmless. Made only by PROCTER & GAMBLE, Cincinnati. Sold by all wholesale and retail grocers.  
**THE KANSAS CITY ADJUSTABLE**  
  
**SPRING BED BOTTOM!**  
Having purchased the right to manufacture the above-named **SPRING BED** for Northwestern Illinois, I am prepared to fill all orders promptly. Orders left with R. ASHLEY will receive prompt attention.  
**OFFICE AND MANUFACTORY**—Corner Cerro Gordo and Franklin Sts., Decatur, Illinois.  
Decatur, Ill., April 7, 1877—J. H. LEWIS & CO.  
**S. A. UNDERWOOD.**



